

### Bible Reading for May 30

Romans 8:12-17

#### Discussion Questions

• So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

When you think of God, what do you envision? Jesus, the Good Shepherd in our stained glass window? God the Father? What about the Holy Spirit? Tongues of flame and descending doves? The entirety of God's nature is beyond what we can comprehend, yet God still makes a place for us. How do you understand your place with God?

**Today's altar flowers are given** in loving memory of Dr. William David White by Charlotte White.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 2nd, June 9th and June 16th, from 5:30-7:30 PM for CUMC kids. It will all take place in the 3rd floor children's area and the gym..

### May Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received May 16	\$11,597
Needed for May	\$62,235
Received for May	\$42,874

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	155
Online:	122

### Calendar

#### Sunday, May 23

- 9:00 AM Bates Godwin, (Rm 213)
- 9:15 AM Crusaders (Rm 211),  
Crossroads (Rm 209)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School, Children,  
Youth (3rd FL),  
Cornerstone (LFH),  
Agape (L),  
Lovett (Rm 208),
- 10:30 AM Worship Service,  
Senior Recognition
- 6:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

#### Tuesday, May 25

- 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
- 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, L
- 2:30 PM Prayer Team, L
- 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

#### Thursday, May 27

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

#### Friday, May 28

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study-JJ

CH- Chapel, FH- Fellowship Hall  
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall ,S- Sanctuary  
L - Library, J-Java Jaay

### Congratulations Graduates We Honor You!

Jamie Brown	William Penley
Hudson Hatfield	Jack Self
Mary Bradford Jackson	Sam Smith
Carter McCollum	Anna Kate Talley
Luke McKelvy	Charlie Taylor
Banks Murphree	Grayson Vermeire
Meredith Nichols	Emily Ann Vought

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Holy, Holy, Holy"- Prentiss c.MCMXCV Lorenz Publishing Co

"Grand Toccata" - Peterson- c.2000 Lorenz Publishing Co

"African Spirit Song arr. Victor C. Johnson c. 2019 by Hal Leonard LLC

"Across the Lands" - Getty/Townend c. 2002 Thank you Music.

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" Houston/Crocker/Ligthelm c. 2012 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin by Capital CMGPublishing)

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" - Boyles c.1999 Lorenz Publishing Co

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Worship – 10:30 AM



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**May 23, 2021**  
Pentecost Sunday  
10:30 AM  
*Please silence electronic devices.  
\*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Prentiss*

Welcome and Announcements *William Penley*

Choral Call to Worship African Spirit Song (Come Holy Spirit) *arr V. Johnson*

Hymn #332 "Spirit of Faith Come Down"  
Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,  
and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.  
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,  
who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.

No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,  
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.  
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,  
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"

O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!  
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;

the grace which all may find, and saving power, impart,  
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.

Inspire the living faith (which whosoever receive,  
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),  
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,  
and saves whoever on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

\*Affirmation of Faith      *Apostle's Creed*      Emily Ann Vought

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*universal*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hymn      “Across the Lands”      *Getty/Townend*

You're the Word of God the father, from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation hold together by the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

**Refrain**

*You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of every man,  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven, for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered, that the guilty may go free.

**Refrain**

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave  
And ascended into Heaven, leading captives in Your way.

Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home.

**Refrain**

Recognition of High School Seniors      David Kross

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Special Music      “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”      Anna Kate Talley

Senior Reflections      Mary Bradford Jackson  
Banks Murphree  
Meredith Nichols

Bible Reading — Acts 2:1-21      Jamie Brown

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking

in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

‘Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

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The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Spirit Poured Out”      Rev. Miriam Smith

\*Benediction

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

*You are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the slideshow of pictures honoring our high school seniors at this time.*

Musical Gift      "Praise Him! Praise Him!"      *Boyles*